Result of the Investigation Into County Affairs.

SEVERAL BIG JOBS UNEARTHED.

Gross Irregularities In the Construction of the New Hospital-Unbusinesslike Methods of the Commissioners.

The Hospital a Disgrace.

The grand jury appeared in Judge Hope well's court yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock and submitted their report, embody ing the result of their investigations during

their session of over five weeks. Two reports were submitted, one being on the subject of the county commissioners and county clerk, and the other on the matter of

A batch of indictments were also handed

Below is the report of the grand jury; State of Nebraska, Douglas county-Of the September term of the district court of the Thira judicial district of Ne-braska, within and for the county of Douglas, in said state, in the year of our Lord,

The grand jurors chosen, selected and sworn, in and for Douglas county, do hereby present their report of their doings as such grand jury.

account of the great unportance of the matters concerning which the grand jury was empanelled, and on account of a large number of witnesses that it became necessary to examine in order to arrive at a full understanding of said matters, the grand jury has been compelled to remain in session much longer than was expected in session much longer than was expected when we were originally empannelled. We have taken all the testimony that was available in reference to the grading of the county hospital site, the crection of the hospital, the building of the retaining wall about the court house, and the fitting of a vault in the office of the clerk of the district court, and from this testimony we find as follows.

1. We find no criminal liability resting upon any of the members of the county board in connection with the building of the county hospital, but we find that it was injudicious, unbusinesslike and contrary to a

dicious, unbusinesslike and contrary to wise public policy to make a verbal contract for grading the county hospital site at an ex travagant price, as was done, instead of advertising for hids and letting the contract to the lowest bidder, and that by reason of this unbusinesslike method serious loss was occa-

sioned the county.

2. We find that the architect of the county hospital building, by his dilatory and evasive decisions, has caused much delay and expense in the erection of the building. shown a disposition to slight the work, and have disposition to slight the work, and have disposition to slight the work, and have disposed the superintendent's orders to remove defective and condemned work and material from the grounds. That the building as constructed, is in a bad condition; that the work is done in a rough and un-workmanlike manner; that it is a serious question whether the building will be safe for occupancy, or will stand for any great length of time; that the county would be length of time; that the county would be ground than to have the building in its present condition, and that the building as it now stands is a lasting monument to the stupidity and inefficiency of the contractors and a disgrace to Douglas county.

4. We find that the superintendents in charge of the work were remiss in their duties in not compelling contractors to com-

duties in not compelling contractors to comply with the plans and specifications by withholding estimates until the orders of the

superintendents were obeyed.

5. In the matter of the construction of the retaining wall around the court house, we find that an unsuccessful attempt was made to bribe certain members of the county board, Richard O'Keeffe and William J. Mount, by offering them money for the pur-pose of securing a favorable report upon work done and the allowance of estimates on the same. But that the said bribes hav-ing been offered more than eighteen months prior to the empanelling of this grand jury, criminal proceedings against the parties offering said bribes are barred by the statute of limitations. We further find from the testimony that the superintendent in charge of the construction of this retaining wall re-

ceived from the contractor extra compansa-tion while acting as superintendent.

6. We have been unable to find that a contract was made or order given to anyone to construct a balcony in the vault of the office of the clerk of the district court, or to put in filing cases above the balcony. We find that filing cases above the balcony. We find that the commissioners who allowed the bill for the balcony allowed the same in undue haste and without due consideration, and without referring the same to the proper committee before taking action, and that had the warrant been held for ten days, as required by law, any irregularities might have been

7. The testimony submitted to us shows that the county commissioners in the management of the financial affairs of the county have in many cases shown carelessness and negligence. We further find that more or less business has been done by mutual un-derstanding outside of the commissioners' office. We therefore recommend that all business involving the expenditure of county funds be done in the commissioners' office, or if by necessity the work is ordered when the board is not in session, the same should be ratified or repealed and made a matter of record at the next meeting of the board. We also find that the records of the county commissioners are very incomplete and the testimony goes to show that the reading of the minutes has been deferred for months at a time, and we recommend that all actions of the board shall appear that all actions of the board shall appear upon the records and that the same should be read and approved at each meeting of the board. We also recommend that no bills be allowed or advances be made on bills without the same being referred to the proper committee of the board for due consideration before taking action thereon, and that a strict compliance with the law requiring county clerks to hold warrants ten days, be enforced, and that the county clerk be required to furnish the county commissioners with vouchers for all expenditures of money with vouchers for all expenditures of money

8. We believe that the payment of fees to county commissioners and county employes for attendance before the grand jury as witnesses is an imposition to the tax payers of the county, and we recommend not only as grand jurors, but as citizens, that if said fees be allowed the proper reduction be made from their bay as

eounty employes.

9. The grand jury was unable to find many valuable papers that were necessary in their investigations, and the county clerk being the authorized custodian of all papers appertaining to his office and the office of the county commissioners, we recommend that a proper system of receipts be established, and that no books or papers be allowed to be taken from the county clerk's office except by persons entitled to the same, and only then by giving receipt for such books or namers.

10. We find that the county clerk, making a quarterly report, has been guilty of gross carelessness and negligence.

A. G. CLARK, foreman,
The grand jury visited the county jail and found the same to be as clean and orderly as possible in its crowded condition. We found that the placing of a steam heat-

ing laundry and the system of "baking" the prisoners clothes keeps the jail compara-tively free from vermin and disease. We find as follows: A portion of the jail has never been painted; that some of the iron has only a priming coat of paint, and the walls are more or less smoked and dingy. We therefore recommend that the interior of

We therefore recemmend that the interior of the jail be painted throughout.

We also flid in some cases that the jailors have been obliged to attend female prisoners in the bath room and elsewhere; we there-fore recommend in the future, for the sake of morality and decency, that a matron be employed at once to care for female pris-oners.

And that where any member or members

And that where any member or members of families of any prisoner visit the jail, they be accorded an interview separate from other perisoners, when the rules governing the institution will admit.

We again find that the lower corridor, or that portion set apart for city prisoners, is constructed to accommodate twenty-four persons, but the average number confined is from forty to sixty, therefore necessitating the sleeping on the iron floor, and complaint has been made of an insufficiency of blank-ots. We recommend that the sheriff supply a proper number of blankets.

And we further recommend that the city

THE CRAND JURY'S REPORT. | should take immediate action towards building a city jail. The grand jury tendered County Attorney Mahoney a vote of thanks for his services and attention during their session.

IN THE COURTS.

Another Suit Growing Ont of the Bank of Omaha Failure. Judge Wakeley is still engaged in the hearing of the case of Callaban vs. Reynolds et al. After this case he will take up the following causes in order. Bryant vs. McCul-

lough, Potter vs. Clark, Sheehan vs. Con-Ed B. Dutton was placed on trial in Judge

Hopewell's court yesterday, on the charge of stealing a check and a quantity of stamps from the Union Pacific railway company.

The case of Strasser vs. Gray is still on trul in Judge Donne's court.

George C. Hobbie has commenced suit in the district court against Fremont N. Jaynes and Harry P. Faylor for \$250 due on a real estate contract.

State contract.

James T. Moriarty, administrator, has commenced suit against J. W. Howell, W. B. Bush, J. P. Finley, C. A. Munnville and John Sullivan, for \$1,500 due the estate of W. C. Hemenway on promissory notes.

Peter C. Bossin has commenced foreclos-

are proceedings against the property of Erick Clyne to satisfy a mortgage of \$700, Charles L. Blazer and Alexender Lilliucrom have petitioned the district court for an injunction restraining Richard Joseph an injunction restraining Richard Joseph from enforcing a judgment secured in Justice Anderson's court for \$115.03. The petitioners allege irregularities in the proceedings of the insting court

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County Attorney Mahoney filed Informa-tion in the district court yesterday morning against the following persons: Mrs. E. M. Smith, selling lottery tickets; Jennie Sten-berg, receiving stolen property; Stephen Dailey, burglary; Anderson McQuanter, adultery; Edward(Orr, grand larceny; John Dean, grand larceny.

Dean, grand larceny.

The National Bank of the Republic, of the city of New York, has filed a suit against Sheriff Coburn, as assignee of the Bank of Omaha, to recover \$412.17. The petitiou alleges that the Bank of Omaha had the above named amount on deposit with the plaintiff to cover drafts which might be made on it.

S. A. Kean, the Chicago banker, garnisheed the money to satisfy a claim against the the money to satisfy a claim against the Bank of Omaha. Subsequently Sheriff Co-burn drew on the plaintiff for the amount of the deposit, and the draft was paid through mistake. The plaintiff now seeks to recover the amount from Sheriff Coburn. W. S. Ryan has brought suit in foreclosure against John Weber to recover \$210 on a

County Court. The Bank of Commerce has commenced suit against Theodore Galligher et al, to re

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VIADUCT BONDS.

Action Taken Upon Them at a Meet ing Yesterday Morning. A conference was held vesterday morning in

the parlors of the First National bank. The union depot bond ordinances were discussed freely. The meeting was attended by the mayor, City Attorney Webster, a number of city

councilmen and a score of leading citizens. The railroads were represented by Mr. Thomas L. Kimball and Assistant Attorney Kelley of the Union Pacific, General Manager Holdrege of the B. & M. being absent. Mr. Herman Kountze, in whose office the meeting was held, was also present. The mayor said that he had decided, after consultation with the city attorney, to veto the viaduct and depot ordinances and City

Attorney Webster then read his obinion The objections to the ordinance were fully liscussed on all hands and suggestions were made as to what should be done to protect the interests of the city more thoroughly and to present a proposition in such a way as would make it acceptable to the voters of

important points and the amendments thus agreed upon will be formulated in a few

days.

After the city attorney thus revises the ordinances they will be re-introduced in the council and, upon passage, placed in the hands of the mayor for his approval. Their ratification will probably not be accomplished until a special election is had soor after the city election in December.

Mrs. Winslows Soothing Syrup for children teething cures wind colic, diarrhœa, etc. 25 cents a bottle.

Real Estate Exchange. The real estate exchange expects to inaugurate the open hoard sessions about Wednesday of next week. The annual meeting occurs next Saturday.

It will require two or three days for the new officers and committees to get things in shape, consequently the daily sessions can not easily be commenced before the time mentioned.

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THE COAL DEPARTMENT.

It is Beorganized, With D. O. Clark at I's Head.

The following order was issued by Vice President Holcomb, of the Union Pacific yesterday, and the same was approved by M A. Hanna, chairman of the coal committee taking effect November 1:

D. O. Ciark is hereby appointed general coal agent, with headquarters at Omaha. He will have charge of the distribution and sale of all coal, of the management and development of mines and the making of rates on coal for the commercial trade, reporting

on coal for the commercial trade, reporting to the vice president direct.

The fuel department, as now organized, is hereby abolished, and all duties heretofore pertaining to that department will hereafter be performed by Mr. Clark.

Thomas Middleton is hereby appointed superintendent of mines, and will have charge of the mining and coading of coal and the construction of new mines, reporting to the general coal agent. He will make all requisitions for material and supplies, subject to the approval of the general coal agent.

George L. Black is hereby appointed engineer of coal department and assistant superintendent of mines. It is the intention of the company to make a material increase in the output of coal at an early date.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE.

The Union Pacific Looking After the

Absorption of the Elkhorn. It is reported that a deal is now pending which means no less than the absorption of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Vailey by the Union Pacific.

The report is to the effect that the Elkhorn has not been a money making medium at any time, or to that extent as to return a reasonable renumeration on the money tied up in the concern. The lines and the road proper are in a strong competitive territory. Not alone this but the provisions of the charter under which its franchise was granted com-

under which its franchise was granted compelis the Northwestern to maintain a separate and distinct management from the Northwestern proper.

It is now stated that a deal is pending whereby the Union Pacific will take direct control of the road and operate it in conjunction with its own lines.

Inquiry was made at the headquarters of both the interested lines, but the officials professed to know nothing of such an undertaking. The Elkhorn system involves about fourteen hundred miles of road and aside from having a line tapping the grain belt of Nebraska, also has a direct line to the oil and coal fields of Wyoming. General Manager Burt, of the Elkhorn, is at present in Chicago, and the story goes that it is there in connection with the consolidation.

Practical railroad men outside of the Elkhorn and Union Pacific circles were questioned concerning the result of the deal should it be made, and all were a unit in expressing their opinion that inasmuch as a close traffic arrangement, had been formed formed

competition between the two lines, and in consequence a farge saving of money that is paid out to maintain a separate management, would necessarily follow.

AGAIN CHOSEN CHIEF.

Local Feeling Among Engineers Con-cerning Arthur's Election.

The result of the engineers' meeting Denver as regards the re-election of P. M. Arthur as chief was not unexpected here, While George Vroman was supported heartily by the western contingent, a large number of the men who supported him were and are firm friends of Chief Arthur. In Omaha the result is considered in two distinct lights. Those favoring federation are not satisfied with Chief Arthur's election, while those favoring "no entangling alliances with other trades" are jubilant over the outcome.

Nick Weeks, who is a veteran engineer in the employ of the Union Pacific, said: "I am well pleased with the result. I knew Arthur

well pleased with the result. I knew Arthur when he was running an engine on the New York Central, and this was long before he ever dreamed of being at the head of a great organization like the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He is a capable man, and his anti-federation principle and policy sets forth the true character of the man."

Others, who favor federation, were seen, but they stated that inasmuch as Chief Arthur had been re-elected it would be out of place for them to do anything or say anything that would not be in support of the chief officer of the Brotherhood. It is admitted, however, that the anti-federation policy of Arthur may result disastrously to the Brotherhood as a body.

MUNROE AND TEBBETS.

Assistant General Traffic Manager

and General Freight Agent. Two more important changes will be an nounced at Union Pacific headquarters November 1. It was officially announced yester-day that J. A. Munroe, at present gen-

day that J. A. Munroe, at present general freight agent of the company, will be promoted to the position of assistant general traffic manager with head quarters in this city.

The second change involves the promotion of J. S. Tebbets, first assistant general freight agent, to the position of general freight agent of the same road, to succeed Mr. Munroe. This reorganization has been brought about by C. S. Mellen, the general traffic manager-elect, who, on and general traffic manager-elect, who, on and after November 1, will have exclusive con-trol of the traffic of the entire system together with the officials and attaches of the traffic department at all points on the line. The above changes will take effect Novem-

Vice President Stone. Henry B. Stone, second vice president, and J. D. Besier, general superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, arrived in Omaha last night, and together with General Manager Holdrege of the B. & M., went west on a special train on the Burlington this morning.
Vice President Stone, when questioned

concerning his mission, stated that the trip was only one of inspection and that they had no other object in view. He denied that his road had any deal pending with the Denver & Rio Grande or any other line looking toward the creation of another transconti-

Railroad Notes. Ben Campbell, general freight agent of the Oregon Railway and Navigation system, is in Omaha.

G. M. Cummings, of Sait Lake, "general manager" of the mountain division of the Union Pacific, is in Omaha. E. Dickinson, assistant general manager of the Union Pacific, has gone to Chicago.

J. S. Bartle, general freight agent, and H. S. Gray, assistant general freight agent of the Kansas City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs, General Manager McNeill, of the St. Joe

& Grand Island, has returned to St. Joe. J. W. Morse, ex-general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, and at present commercial agent of the Missouri Pacific at Chi-cago, is in Omaha.

R. R. Bullen, a prominent railroad con tractor of St. Joe, Mo., is in Omaha.

Military Nimrods. Captain P. H. Ray, judge advocate of the Department of the Platte, has just returned om a hunting trip in the mountains of Wyoming. He reports having had a very pleasant outing, with gratifying returns in the shape of game. "There were three of us in the party," said Captain Ray. "General Brooke, Captain Humphrey and myself. We went out more for recreation than anything cise, but we shot a number of elk and deer. We were in the mountains, about seventy miles south of Rawlins. We passed over the divide at a height of 12,000 feet and were camped above the snow line most of the time; in fact, a snow storm drove us out of the mountains. A storm came up the day before we left, and there was a fall of about a foot and half. We have a quantity of rame on the way down now, and also some fine specimens of horns and heads. We en-

loyed the trip very much and all feel greatly The Guards' Social. The Omaha guards entertained 200 people at their social last night. They consisted of the society of Omaha and Council Blugs, who commingled in the pleasures of one of the most enjoyable socials ever held in Omaha. Music was furnished by the

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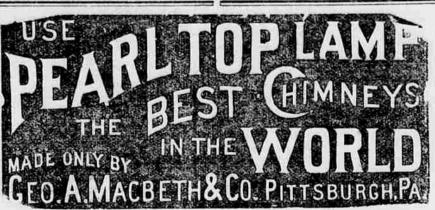
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